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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on 8-16 lb. hens, 16-24 lb. toms were steady to barely steady. No sales reported. Demand for whole birds was slow. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate. Bulk parts and meats trading was light to moderate. Demand mixed for next week.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading and demand light. Movement slowed due to the upcoming holiday. Light sales noted on frozen thigh meat and tom drums. Offerings uneven and range from adequate to closely balanced.

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CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-67	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-65	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-62	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-61	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-62	-	-	-

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
2000	SEP-OCT
-	-
-	-
2000	SEP-OCT
-	-
-	-
-	-

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-	-	-
-	-	-

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-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF **MAY 25, 2001**

	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	66.00**	65.70**	69.80**
CENTRAL REGION	63.70**	61.50	68.30**
WESTERN REGION	65.00**	65.00**	68.70**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	61.00**	60.70**	64.90**
CENTRAL REGION	60.00**	61.00	64.50
WESTERN REGION	61.00**	61.00**	64.80**

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96-98
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96-98
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	70-76
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	67-76
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	68-76

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	84-102
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	93-101

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 28-MAY-2001

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)
	HENS	LBS TOMS
	PRICE	(000) PRICE (000)
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	70.35	62 69.00 10
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	70.35	62 69.00 10
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)		
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND
(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)**SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

APRIL	396,502*
MAY 1-19, 2001	309,212*
To date 2001	2,003,626*
To date 2000	2,082,008*

* PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 19-May-2001
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

<u>-----YOUNG TURKEYS-----</u>				<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
		PCT	AVG	OLD	AVG
		CHG	LIVE	BANDED	LIVE
<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>	
N EAST	711	1	22.71	(A)	711 22.71
S ATL	857	1	28.38	(A)	857 28.38
N CENT	2,252	2	28.12	(A)	2,252 28.12
S CENT	609	0	20.43	(A)	609 20.43
WEST	377	-12	23.62	(A)	377 23.62
U.S.TOTAL	4,806(B)	0	26.04	0	4,806 26.04

TO DATE

2001 92,778(B) 271 93,049

TO DATE

2000 91,803(B) 768 92,571

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 50,000; for the year 775,000; last year to date 368,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

WEEK ENDING 19-May-2001

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG OLD</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		
	<u>-----THOUSANDS-----</u>				
HEAD	2,067	2,689	50	0	4,806
AVG WT	16.31	33.56	23.68	0.00	26.04
LAST WEEK	2,049	2,704	39	4	4,796
SAME WK YR AGO	3,837(A)		8	55	3,900
AVG WT	26.39(A)		26.50	25.45	26.38
TO-DATE/2001	92,003(A)		775	271	93,049
TO-DATE/2000	91,478(A)		325	768	92,571

(A) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 24 MAY 2001.

Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on fresh tom breast meat and fresh destrapped tenderloins with trading noted at higher trending price levels for prompt shipments for post holiday needs. Offerings uneven due in part to next week's holiday processing schedules. Undertone was mostly steady on 4-8 lb. breasts with heavy trading noted for May-June shipments and at 102 cents delivered July - August. The undertone on frozen thigh meat was mostly steady with some strength noted into select export destinations. Domestic trading centered on 4-8 lb. breasts, balance light. Frozen mature thigh meat traded at 61 cents delivered. Export trading was active and centered on heavy volumes of frozen tom drums and thigh meat. A heavy volume of open priced fresh tom drums moved for June - July export shipments.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	100.00-102.00		101.85	680
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	154.00		154.00	10
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	91.00		91.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	29.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	28.00		28.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	33.00	3
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	29.00		29.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	27.50	30
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	50.00	9
NECKS, TOM		T	28.85	52
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	164.33	120
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	169.00-173.00		171.19	192
THIGH MEAT		R	69.00	10
THIGH MEAT—FRESH				
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS	133.00		133.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	140.00		140.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	145.00		145.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	65.00		65.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	19.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00		17.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	27.00-29.00		28.33	892
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	29.50	240
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	26.00	104
TAILS	28.00		28.00	340
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00-21.00		19.65	368
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	65.50-68.00		66.68	884

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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Trade sentiment continued steady to fully steady on fresh tom breast meat and fresh destrapped tenderloins for next week's shipments as a partial result of next week's shortened holiday production schedules. Some spot weakness was noted on fresh tom breast meat out of this week's production. Inquiry was noted on frozen tom breast meat and frozen destrapped tenderloins for June shipments. Inquiry on tom 3-joint wings showed signs of improvement for domestic shipments. Tom drum inquiry ranged light to fair with some sellers noting buyers attempting to buy at lower trending price levels and being met with resistance. Ground turkey demand in a full range with most sellers noting increased activity. Trading light and centered on fresh tom breast meat for domestic shipments and frozen thigh meat for export. Frozen 40 lb. fine grind 90% lean ground turkey traded at 39 cents shipping point.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE	WTD AVG 1/ PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	101.85	680	101.86	720
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	10	154.00	10
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	91.00	80	91.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	29.00	80	28.61	184
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		R	28.00	20	28.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	33.00	3	33.00	3
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	27.00		27.00	40	29.44	180
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	27.50	30		
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	50.00	9	50.00	9
NECKS, TOM		T	28.85	52	28.85	52
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	164.33	120	164.50	160
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	167.00-175.00		172.00	240	169.72	1,472
THIGH MEAT	62.00		62.00	80	62.00	80
THIGH MEAT—FRESH						
BREAST TRIM MEAT	113.00		113.00	80	113.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT						
TENDERLOINS		R	133.00	20	134.86	201
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	143.00		143.00	40	138.07	300
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	140.00-141.00		140.20	50	140.86	290
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	65.00	120	64.75	240
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	19.00	20	19.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00-19.00		17.80	100	17.20	1,800

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	28.33	892	28.29	1,204
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	29.50	240	29.50	240
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	26.50		26.50	104	26.25	208
TAILS		R	28.00	340	28.00	340
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00		19.00	80	19.21	768
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	67.00		67.00	208	66.74	1,092

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